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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for conducting the Examiner Interviews between January 6, 2006 and January 13, 2006. Applicants' representative, Kelly Patrick Fitzgerald (Reg. No. 46,326) and Examiner George C. Manuel were involved in the telephonic Examiner Interviews. Mr. Manuel and Mr. Fitzgerald discussed claims 35-52 and the references applied against those claims.

On January 6, 2006, at the Examiner's request, Applicants' representative provided an informal proposal of claim amendments to the Examiner. A signed copy of the informal proposal is being submitted herewith. On January 12, 2006, the Examiner indicated that he and his supervising primary examiner (SPE) had recognized the patentable subject matter of claims 35-52, but had several further suggestions to clarify these claims.

On January 12, 2006, Applicants' representative provided a second proposal of claim amendments, consistent with the Examiner's suggestions. A signed copy of the second informal proposal is also being submitted herewith.

Applicants' representative and the Examiner reached an agreement that the claims of the second informal proposal were generally allowable. The Examiner indicated that he still planned to seek the approval of his SPE with respect to the proposal for claim 47. The Examiner requested that Applicants enter a formal Amendment in order to secure allowance of the Application.

Applicants are filing an Amendment, in parallel with this Interview Summary, to amend the claims in a manner consistent with the second informal proposal that was agreed upon by Examiner Manuel and Applicant's representative. The claims of the Amendment have been modified slightly relative to the second proposal to further improve the clarity of these claims.

Upon entry of the Amendment being submitted in parallel with this Interview Summary, all claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

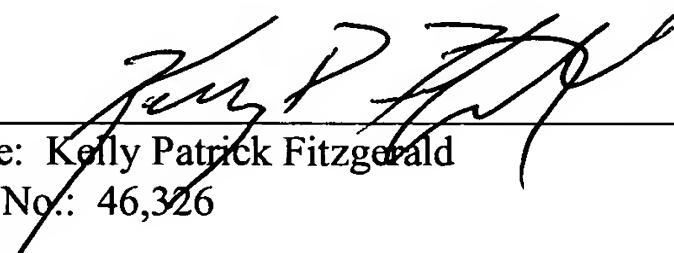
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